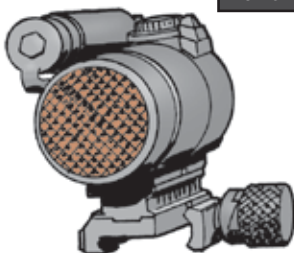


- **Don't remove the anti-reflective cap.** Soldiers often remove the cap because that makes it easier to use the backup iron sight (BUIS). But the cap serves two critical functions:

1. It prevents a reflection from signaling your position to the enemy. That could mean the difference between life and death on the battlefield.
2. It protects the M68's lens from scratches. If the lens gets too scratched, it's unusable.



Don't remove anti-reflective cap

Here are the NSNs for the M68 models:

- **CompM2,**
NSN 1240-01-411-1265
- **CompM4,**
NSN 1240-01-540-3690
- **CompM4S,**
NSN 1240-01-576-6134

M249 Machine Gun...

**CAN
BARREL
COLLAR
MOVE?**

WELL, MY
BARREL COLLAR
IS MOVING ONLY
A LITTLE BIT.

DOES THAT
REALLY MEAN
I NEED A NEW
BARREL?

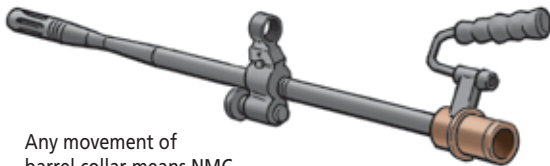
YEP!



Dear Half-Mast,

PMCS Step 2 in TM 9-1005-201-23&P says to check the M249 machine gun's barrel carrying handle collar for any movement. But it doesn't say if any movement is just a deficiency or if it makes the barrel non-mission capable (NMC). Can you clarify?

SPC K.H.



Any movement of
barrel collar means NMC

SURE THING,
SPECIALIST. *ANY*
MOVEMENT OF
THE COLLAR
MEANS YOU NEED
A NEW BARREL.

